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In re application of:

By: Shogo Muramatsu et al

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For: ALUMINUM-ALLOY BASED SLIDING MATERIAL

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 22, 2002

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 22, 2001, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection was filed on April 22, 2002.
2. ☒ A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
3. ☒ Fee -\$320.00
☒ Enclosed (This paper is filed in triplicate.)

In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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